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Medical Colleges reopen

- Medicos defy Corona, 135 out of 150 students attend classes at MMC&RI
- Poor attendance continues to haunt Degree Colleges

Students attending Anatomy class at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) on first day of re-opening of all Medical Colleges across the State from this morning. Picture right shows students listening to a lecture at Maharani's Arts and Science College today.

Mysuru, Dec.1 (RK&SSV)- Upholding the spirit of 'Corona Warriors', over 90 per cent of students of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) attended classes on the first day of re-opening of all Medical, Dental, Ayurveda, Pharmacy and Unani Colleges across the State from this morning, after a gap of six months.

"As many as 135 of the total 150 students of our College turned up today. Others were not allowed since they were not having latest RT-PCR test report," Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Dean and Director, MMC&RI, told *Star of Mysore*.

Till yesterday, the State Government, Medical Department and Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) were worried about the students' turnout for the Colleges in the wake of phobophobia among parents and students about COVID-19 pandemic. Defying threat of Corona, the medical students, with apron and stethoscope in their hands, marched into the Departments much to the delight of College authorities. The turnout of students clearly indicated their grit that they cannot be cowed down by 'an invisible' virus against which vaccines are in final stages of approval.

As per directives from State Government and RGUHS, RT-PCR test reports got done 48 hours before, was made mandatory for students attending offline classes. While a majority of them brought with them the test report, others could not access it. So, only 'negative' report students were allowed to attend the classes and the rest were asked to undergo free test being held in K.R. Hospital premises. According to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), only students with masks were allowed and strict social distancing had been followed inside class rooms. Body temperature and oxygen level of every student was checked with thermometer and oxymeter at the entrance of classroom. Hands-free sanitiser dispensers were kept outside the classrooms to enable the students to wash hands regularly.

Dr. Nanjaraj said precaution had been taken to ensure the safety of both students and faculty. The wooden furniture and other teaching equipment were sanitised regularly. All the classrooms would be totally sanitised once in four days. Meeting of Heads of all Departments was held this morning before opening the doors to students to discuss regarding precautionary measures. Meanwhile, admission into 1st year MBBS course is going on, he added.

(See COLLEGES on page 6)

Truck Topples on Car

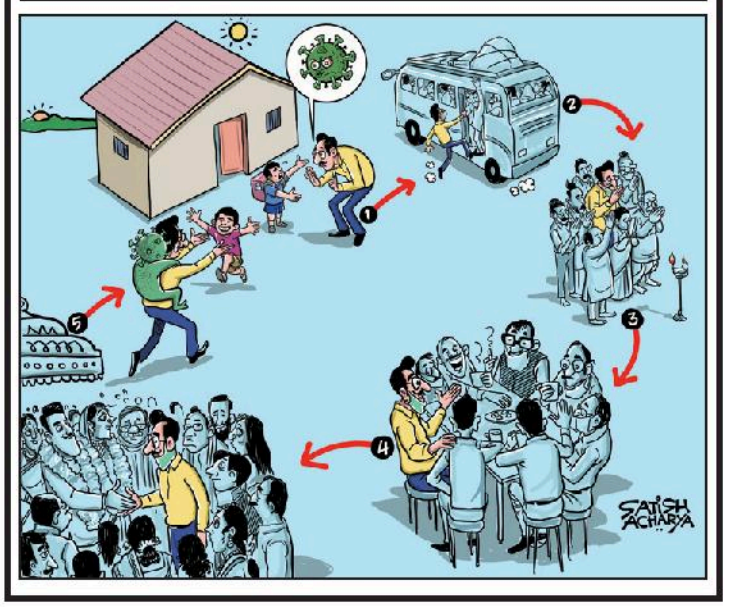
- Close shave for both drivers near Srirangapatna

Srirangapatna, Dec. 1 (Vinay Karekura & KS)- Two persons driving a truck and a car escaped with not so serious injuries after the M-Sand-laden truck hit a road median and veered off the road to topple on a moving car on the busy Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway this morning. So dramatic and quick was the accident that the drivers could not even realise what was happening to their vehicles.

The accident attracted many onlookers and other vehicles stopped by only to talk about the miraculous escape.

(See TRUCK on page 6)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 1st December 2020

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysore, Dec. 1- As the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be taking up the 3rd quarterly maintenance works tomorrow (Dec.2), power supply will be disrupted in the following areas:

Hullahalli Power Distribution Centre: Shiramalli, Heggadahalli, Haginavalu, Rampura, Hullahalli, Nellitalapura, Kurihundi, Duggahalli and surrounding areas.

Devanur Power Distribution Centre: Sathagalli, Kalayanagiri, Beedi Colony, Akshay Bandar, Azeez Sait Nagar, Sultan Road, Kyathamaranahalli, Mahadevapura Main Road, Nehrunagar, Bharathnagar, Hanchya-Sathagalli A and B Zones, VTU College, Kaverinagar, Sunpure Layout, DTS Rao Nagar, Depot-1, Madegowda Circle, HUDCO 1,2,3 and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer.

Annual General Body Meeting

Mysuru, Dec. 1- The 10th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar District Revenue Department Employees Housing Co-operative Society will take place at 2nd stage of Kandaya Nagara (Mookambika Layout) at Kenchalagudu on Mysuru-Manandavadi Road at 11 am on Dec. 20. Also, Pratibha puraskar will be presented to meritorious children of the Society members on the occasion. Children of Society members who have scored over 85 percent marks in SSLC and PUC (2019-20) exams can apply along with a copy of marks card before Dec. 10. For details, call Mob: 88844-54455, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SHAADI.COVID.COM: ***It's the first wave of the wedding season during the second wave of the Coronavirus season. With social distancing and COVID appropropriate behaviour the norm, will saat pheras — or seven circlings of the fire by bride and groom — now be replaced with six degrees of separation? If the pandit is on Zoom and mantras are being live streamed, wedding vows might be rendered only virtual. And if garlands can be exchanged only after thorough sanitisation, the fragrance of wedding flowers may be somewhat lost. If relatives can't see each other and are forced to interact only via Zoom, they may well ask: 'Hum aapke hain koun?' In COVID times, the shaadi might be looking a little shady.***

Brides planning to bedazzle large crowds with multiple wedding outfits will now have to be content with appearing in a multiple window group chat. Grooms hoping to make a high profile entry will now have to rely on high speed internet. Wedding guests are pondering if they will make the cutoff mark: Given the Government's restriction on guest numbers only the top 50 (or at a pinch the top 200) will get a seat. Musicians, beauticians, mehndi artists, caterers are complaining that unfortunately given the severe economic recession, the band has been bajao-ed for the band baaja baraat. The ceremonial 'bidai' ceremony — or the bride's farewell from her family home — normally has the gathered clan in floods of tears. This time however there's no need to weep, because the bride is Working From Home anyway.

The Big Fat Indian Wedding has become a small thin COVID shaadi. But should we stop celebrating? Of course not, because when it comes to weddings in India, the shaadi virus is extremely contagious and we all love to sing "Mere yaar ki shaadi hai." Celebrations may be distant but they're still very social. Google groups and Zoom calls remind us that marriages were once made in heaven but in COVID times, they're now made on the internet. Since a COVID positive result is a tad scary these days, the best possible wish for newly-weds in 2020 is to say: May you always stay negative. — *Sagarika Ghose in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Confectioner creates exquisite cookies that look inedible

Costa Rico: Though cookies come in all shapes and sizes, a few look as exquisite as those of Costa Rican confectioner Lorena Rodriguez, founder of Lorena's Sweets.

Looking at the edible works of art created by Lorena Rodriguez, once doesn't know if to eat them or hang them up on a wall somewhere, for everyone to see. Some of the experienced confectioner's cookies certainly don't look like the variety you find in most cookie jars, that's for sure. They range from realistic-looking paintings with elaborate, gilded frames, designs inspired by rococo architecture, and edible Christmas decorations. They consist of a Danish-style cookie expertly decorated with a high-quality fondant molded into shape using silicone molds.

Kid shoves coin in his nose, forgets it for 53 years

Zelenograd: A 59-year-old man in Zelenograd, Russia, lived with serious nose breathing difficulties for over half a century, because of a coin he had shoved up his nose as a child and forgot about over the years.

Doctors at the Konchalovsky City Clinical Hospital in Zelenograd recently reported the strange case of a patient who said he had been completely unable to breathe through his right nostril for several months. A CT scan showed that the right nasal passage was completely blocked by a foreign body of stony density stuck in the posterior, close to the nasopharynx.

It was only after seeing the CT scan and the mysterious round object that the unnamed man recalled playing with a small one-kopeck coin and shoving it into his nose, when he was about six years old and forgetting it completley.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Dehydration leads to fatigue. Staying hydrated throughout the day retains energy levels, and keeps you feeling fresh throughout.

By Kavya J. - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

COLUMBIA ASIA

COLUMBIA ASIA HOSPITAL - MYSORE

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	58
Total positive cases	:	50,695
Discharges yesterday	:	112
Total discharges	:	49,326
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	999
Total active cases	:	370

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	30
Total positive cases	:	18,564
Total discharges	:	18,131
Total deaths	:	146
Total active cases	:	287

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	4
Total positive cases	:	6,355
Total discharges	:	6,149
Total deaths	:	116
Total active cases	:	79

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	4
Total positive cases	:	5,298
Total discharges	:	5,152
Total deaths	:	68
Total active cases	:	78

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	45
Total positive cases	:	27,021
Total discharges	:	26,243
Total deaths	:	384
Total active cases	:	394

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Father looks at his teenage son, *"James, you've been adopted."* ***James jumps up,*** *"Adopted! I knew it! I want to meet my biological parents!"* ***Father laughs,*** *"No no, James, we are your biological parents. But you need to get packing, your adoptive ones will be here in an hour."*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.53
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.26
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.02
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.92

VOICE OF THE READER

50% hike in water tariff:
Injustice to honest bill payers

Sir,

This refers to the news item ***'MCC seeks 50% hike in water tariff'*** *(SOM* dated Nov.29). The authorities have justified that the collection is only 37.5% and hence it is necessary to raise the tariff!

Is it true that only about 20% to 30% pay water bill? If that is true, MCC is doing a great injustice to the honest bill payers!

There is a saying in Kannada ಬಗ್ಗಿದವನಿಗೆ ಗುದ್ದು ಹೆಚ್ಚು, when translated goes like this: "The man who bends gets most of the blows on his back." MCC seems to be doing exactly the same thing. Firstly, they should ascertain who are the defaulters and punish them by cutting their water supply. Let them use free water from a near-by park where a single tap is provided. This should be for six months and then cut off the park tap also. That will teach a lesson that these days nothing is free.

Secondly, I believe practically all State Government and Central Government buildings do not pay water bills. If so, the same method as the above must be applied. You will see the authorities paying the bill in no time. Because no bureaucrat can survive without his/her cup of tea or visiting the toilet!

I request the MCC Commissioner to try these before hiking the water tariff.

—U.B. Acharya
Jayalakshmipuram
30.11.2020

New COVID-19 guidelines from today: Surveillance, Containment, Caution

New Delhi, Dec. 1 (UNI & Agencies)- Amid a spike in COVID-19 cases in some regions, the Centre has issued a fresh set of guidelines which is effective from today, Dec. 1.

These COVID-19 guidelines will remain in force till Dec. 31. While issuing guidelines for "Surveillance, Containment and Caution" for December, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said the main focus of the directive is to consolidate the substantial gains which are visible in the steady decline in the number of active cases in the country.

Here is the list of COVID-19 guidelines released by Home Ministry effective today:

1) States and Union Territories, based on their assessment of the situation, may impose local restrictions, such as night curfew. However, they cannot impose any local lockdown outside the containment zones without prior consultation with the Centre.

2) The Ministry said that local District, Police and Municipal Authorities shall be responsible to ensure that the prescribed containment measures are strictly followed.

3) All activities have been permitted outside containment zones except for some which have been allowed with certain restrictions.

These activities are international air travel of passengers, as permitted by MHA, cinema halls and theatres, with up to 50 percent capacity, swimming pools, only for training of sports persons and exhibition halls, only for business to business (B2B) purposes.

4) Social, religious, sports, entertainment, educational, cultural and religious gatherings in closed spaces are allowed with up to a maximum of 50 percent of the hall capacity with a ceiling of 200 persons. In open spaces, people will be allowed as per the size of the ground.

6) There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods including those for cross-land-border trade under treaties with neighbouring countries.

7) States and UTs will ensure careful demarcation of containment zones. Only essential activities shall be allowed in the containment zones and there shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining the supply of essential goods and services.

8) Governments shall take all necessary measures to promote COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and to ensure strict enforcement of wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing. Administrative actions, including the imposition of appropriate fines on persons not wearing face masks in public and workspaces can be considered.

9) Online booking of groceries and doorstep delivery of those must be encouraged while incentives or discounts for those who shop during non-peak hours may be considered.

MCC debates sustainable construction debris disposal

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (SBD&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has decided to scientifically dispose of mounds of Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste being dumped across city daily. Thousands of tonnes of debris is illegally dumped at open sites, along the Ring Road, street corners and also on lake-beds and this has become a headache for MCC.

At the MCC Council meeting held yesterday at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Hall under the Chairmanship of Mayor Tasneem, detailed discussion was held on the topic where Corporators expressed concern about truckloads of C&D waste dumped on a day-to-day basis.

Mysuru generates over 150 tonnes of C&D waste daily. People carry such waste in trucks and dump them under the cover of darkness. The dumping usually is carried out in less-populated areas and on the Ring Road. It is difficult to identify such people and bring them to book, Corporators argued.

They observed that due to indiscriminate dumping of C&D waste, the civic body loses out 50 points in the annual *Swachh Survekshan* that makes Mysuru to rank less among the cleanest city. The discussion on C&D waste was taken up at the MCC following a power-point presentation by Susthira Trust in September this year.

The presentation was made to Mayor, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and other officers and Standing Committee Chairmen. The proposal was to dispose of the waste in a scientific and sustainable manner under Public-Private partnership.

The issue was taken up in the MCC meeting and after discussion, it was however, decided to handover the project to some other company (instead of the company that came up with the proposal) after giving mandatory advertisements in newspapers calling for companies for expression of interest.

Most of the Corporators were concerned about the land allocation for the project and the terms of lease — whether it is two years or five years. They called upon the authorities to impose penalties on the company that initially agrees to dispose of C&D waste but abandon the project later. They gave the example of New Delhi and Nagpur where C&D waste is being successfully.

Corporators drew the attention of the Council on the savings that MCC can achieve if the C&D waste is scientifically disposed of. Instead of the income that will be generated out of the waste treatment plant, the MCC must look at the savings part and also the city environs that will be free of construction debris, they suggested. Except land, MCC would not invest any money and the company would manage the Plant on BOOT (Build, Own, Operate and Transfer) model, they suggested. These opinions were aired by Corporators Pramila Bharath, K.V. Sridhar, SBM Manju, Ayub Khan, Prema Shankaregowda, Shivakumar and B.V. Manjunath.

Saving on paper, the MCC way

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is aiming for a paperless system, at least in some of its functioning wings. The Council meetings for example where a lot of paper is required and used to inform the Corporators and officers about the meeting agenda, agenda of Standing Committees meetings, information booklets, Government notices from time to time, decisions of the MCC meetings in the past and publications.

Of course the paperless idea is a costly proposition as the MCC has to buy laptops or tablets for all 65 Corporators. The Council meeting that was held yesterday decided to purchase laptops or tablets to all the Corporators to save on paper.

But the moot question here is that if at all the MCC has to buy gadgets for its elected representatives, it has to spend considerable money towards the purchase. If the Corporators demand expensive gadgets, can the cash-strapped MCC afford to spend that much? This is a million dollar question.

Scholarship: Last date extended

Mysuru, Dec. 1- District Minority Welfare Department, Mysuru, which had invited online applications from pre-metric, post-metric and merit-cum-means students to provide scholarships for the year 2020-21, has extended the last date to Dec. 31 for submission of applications. Interested students must apply online at *http://scholarships.gov.in/gokdom.kar.nic.in* before Dec. 31.

A copy of online application along with all relevant documents should be submitted to their College Principal or respective Taluk Information Centres. For details, contact the following Taluk Information Centres:

Mysuru – 89510-87207
T. Narasipur – 98452-10242
Nanjangud – 97435-67567
H.D. Kote – 96631-57476
K.R. Nagar – 99863-46893
Hunsur – 96207-50935
Periyapatna – 88613-56751, according to a release.

NEWS BRIEFS

Kanakadasa Jayanti

The District Administration, in association with Kannada and Culture Department, will be celebrating Kanakadasa Jayanti at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises at 11.30 am on Dec. 3. The celebrations will be a simple affair this year on account of COVID-19 crisis. Offering of floral tributes to the portrait of Kanakadasa will mark the celebrations, according to a press release.

Elected to Journalists Co-operative Society

City Journalists B. Raghavendra, Jayashankar Murthy and C.M. Madhusudan have been elected (Co-option) as the Directors of Mysuru District Journalists Welfare Co-operative Society at the Council Meeting of the Society held recently, according to a press release from the Society President K. Deepak [Mob: 97415-11340]

Ph.D awardees

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Geographical Information System (GIS) to M. Vinay for his thesis 'Scenario Based Simulation of Urban Expansion and Evaluation of Ecological Security: A Case Study of Mysuru-Nanjangud LPA, Karnataka, India' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Ramu.

Mangalore University has awarded Ph.D in Microbiology to S. Suresha for his thesis 'Isolation and Characterisation of Endophytic Bacteria and Fungi from Plants of Muthathi Wildlife Sanctuary, Mandya' submitted under the guidance of Prof. M. Jayashnakar.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Yesterday	121.07 ft
Inflow	3,344 cusecs
Outflow	5,573 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,273.28 ft
Inflow	410 cusecs
Outflow	1,950 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,838.32 ft
Inflow	90 cusecs
Outflow	1,080 cusecs

Minister Suresh Kumar virtually launches 'Sakala Saptaha'

Mysuru, Dec. 1- In an initiative aimed at time-bound disposal of pending files and public petitions under Sakala Scheme, the State Government has set in motion 'Sakala Saptaha' (Sakala Week), which was virtually launched by Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar at Vidhana Soudha in the State Capital yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Suresh Kumar said that Deputy Commissioners (DCs) must regularly review the implementation of the Scheme, which is an ambitious initiative of the Government for the benefit of the common man. Stressing on the need for co-ordination between all Departments for the successful implementation of the scheme across all Departments, he said that every Department must put up banners in order to educate the public about the benefits of the Scheme.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar addressing a press meet after the virtually launch of 'Sakala Saptaha' at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru yesterday as Additional Chief Secretary - DPAR (e-Governance) and Director Sakala Mission Rajeev Chawla and State Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar look on.

Pointing out that in the first phase (Nov. 30 to Dec. 5), the Scheme covers Urban Development, Revenue, Transport and Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Departments, he said that Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department will be covered in the second phase (Dec. 7 to 11) and all other Departments in the third phase to take place from Dec. 14 to 19.

Stating that 1,025 services are covered under the Sakala Scheme, he said that so far 22,88,81,652 petitions have been received out of which 22,82,55,866 have been disposed off. He further said that while Mandya, Chikkamagaluru and Chikkaballapur districts have bagged the top three places in the implementation of the Scheme, Bengaluru Urban, Bidar and Raichur districts are at the bottom of the table.

Applicants throng Tahsildar Offices, Nadakacheris, RTO and Food & Civil Supplies Offices

Mysuru, Dec. 1- Following the launching of the week-long Sakala awareness campaign, applications for services under Sakala Scheme were received from members of the public at Tahsildar offices, all Nadakacheris, MCC offices, Regional Transport Offices and Food and Civil Supplies Department offices in the city and district.

ADC B.S. Manjunathaswamy visited the Taluk Office yesterday and reviewed the public response for Sakala services.

The Sakala service is aimed at delivering listed services within a specified time without hassles. A total of 1,025 services of various Government Departments are covered under the Scheme.

ADC Manjunathswamy and other officials, who took part in the Minister's virtual launch, noted down the instructions given by Suresh Kumar.

Meanwhile, DC Rohini Sindhuri, who visited Periyapatna on Monday, reviewed the measures taken by the Taluk Administration and directed the officials to ensure the success of Sakala Saptaha.

Co-ordination between *netas* and officials needed for smooth administration: MLA

GTD

Mysuru, Dec. 1- Amid the row over Hunsur Congress MLA H.P. Manjunath's 'Maharani jibe' at Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri, Chamundeshwari JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has said that proper co-ordination between officials and people representatives *(netas)* is needed for smooth administration.

Speaking to *SOM* in the wake of the row, GTD said that the DC has launched Janaspandana programme, which is aimed at direct contact with the people and the same took place in his constituency a couple of days ago, for which he was not invited.

Maintaining that the Janaspandana programme is a good initiative of the District Administration, he said that DCs of all other districts too have started this public contact programme and no people representatives seem to have been invited for it.

Noting that there are no reports of objections raised by people representatives for this programme, Devegowda observed that there can be breach of protocol if local Legislators are not invited for Government programmes such as launching of works, inauguration of programmes and events, dedication of projects and the like. He further said that the observation of former Assembly Speaker Krishna that there is no hard and fast rule that Legislators must be invited for each and every programme, must be taken note of.

Contending that the row between Hunsur MLA and the DC has given rise to confusions, GTD noted that there is a general public belief that some people representatives have started attacking the DC due to prejudice and for their own personal reasons. However, it is satisfactory to note that District Minister S.T. Somashekar has voluntarily come forward to resolve the row between the DC and MLA and it is hoped that such incidents do not recur.

Urging Minister Somashekar to hold a meeting in this regard at the earliest, Devegowda hoped that the meeting will find a long lasting solution for preventing such tiffs and rows between officials and people representatives in the future.

Obituary

Govindaraju

Mysuru, Dec. 1- Govindaraju (65), *Dodda Yajaman* of Sri Rama Mandir and a resident of Gandhinagar, passed away on Sunday in city. He leaves behind his wife Rajamma, three daughters, a son, son-in-law D. Gurumurthy and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Adijambava Burial Grounds at Gandhinagar yesterday.

K. Krishnappa

Bannur: K. Krishnappa (72), a resident of Bannur, passed away yesterday following brief illness. He had served as Bannur Town Municipal Council President, Milk Producers Co-op. Society President and Co-op. Union Director and was actively involved in various organisations.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives including his brother-in-law retired Police Officer J.B. Rangaswamy. Last rites were performed at his farm near Bannur Bridge this afternoon.

Puthari: Harvest Festival celebrated amidst caution

Priests worshipping the new paddy crop (kadh) at Igguthappa Temple in Kakkabbe, North Kodagu, last night. Picture right shows Mysuru Kodava Samaja members holding the newly-harvested paddy sheaves during Puthari celebrations at Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions premises in Kuvempunagar.

Kodagu Gowda Samaja members celebrating the harvest festival at the Samaja premises in Vijayanagar.

Madikeri/Mysuru, Dec. 1 (MK, PS&BCT)- *Puthari,* the harvest festival of Kodagu, was celebrated by Kodava and Kodagu Gowda communities in a grand manner yesterday in most parts of Kodagu and in Mysuru. *Puthari,* which translates to new rice, is a festival of harvest and getting the harvested paddy crop home, highlighting the relationship and close bond between mother earth and man.

Puthari is celebrated in the Kodava month of *Birchiyar* that falls in November and December — on the full moon day of *Rohini Nakshatra.* This year *Puthari* fell on Nov. 30. This year, the COVID-19 pandemic, however could not dampen the spirits of community members and of course, they were taking all precautions to prevent the contagion from spreading.

The festival marks bringing home the new paddy crop from the fields, a symbolic of welcome to Goddess Lakshmi. As part of the festival, community members, including men, women and children, visited paddy fields in a procession in their traditional attire and harvested the crop — called *Kadh Edpo* — after offering prayers.

Before harvesting, they chanted slogans '*Poli Poli Deva*' (God bless us with more prosperity) fired three times in the air and burst crackers. They then carried the paddy sheaves into their homes and ancestral homes and prayed for the welfare of the family.

Though it is a simple harvest festival of bringing the new rice to homes, the festival is steeped with traditions that are strictly followed. At the paddy fields, men were dressed in traditional *Kupya Chele, Mande-Thuni* and *Peeche Kathi* and women wore Kodava saree and held *Taliyathkki bolcha* (a bronze tray with rice, betel leaves, arecanut and a lamp) under the light of the full moon.

Usually the eldest man of the family called the *Pattedara* cuts an odd number of paddy sheaves and later large chunks of paddy sheaves are harvested, signalling the harvest season. Firecrackers are burst to add to merriment. Primarily, it is a festival confined to Kodagu. Now it is being celebrated in cities too where there is a considerable population of Kodavas and Kodagu Gowda community members.

In Kodagu, *Puthari* celebrations first began at Padi Igguthappa Temple in Kakkabbe and subsequently, all villages and towns celebrated the festival. In Mysuru, the celebrations were organised by Mysuru Kodava Samaja at Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions premises in Kuvempunagar while members of Kodagu Gowda community celebrated the fest at their Samaja premises in Vijayanagar.

As part of the tradition, after the paddy sheaves are brought home, a unique pudding *Thambittu* is made of ripe banana, coconut, jaggery, sesame, cardamom, ghee and roasted boiled rice flour. It is placed on the peepal leaf and served among the community and family members in front of the *Nellakki,* the place of worship in homes. Also, boiled *kalinji,* a type of tuber, is served. Some grains of newly harvested paddy are used to prepare the dishes.

In Mysuru Samaja, however, the *Thambittu* was not served due to the COVID contagion. Even the Kodava traditional dances were limited to a few performances.

Madikeri Kodava Samaja members collecting the paddy sheaves for their homes. Picture right shows paddy crop being harvested at Omkareshwara temple in Madikeri.

Tharoor-style non-stop stimulation

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Shashi Tharoor seems to be a non-stop writing machine. He is a busy man — Member of Parliament, in-demand public speaker, international traveller and what not. In the midst of all that, he finds the time and the energy to turn out not just any book, but thick volumes full of research and analysis. The latest is typical. Its main title itself suggests a sweeping canvass: *"The Battle of Belonging."* The subtitle brings out the scope of the extended survey: *"On nationalism, patriotism and what it means to be Indian."* Handsomely published by Aleph, the book is 408 pages thick, not counting the 25-page long bibliography and a dozen pages of index. How does he achieve this when mundane scribblers like me sweat it out for months to complete a 200-page pretence of a book.

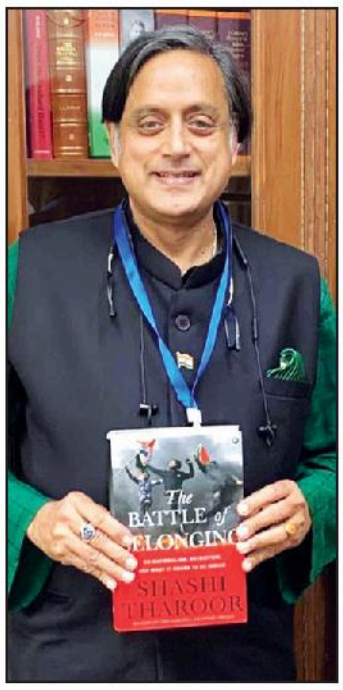
He covers everything, from basics like what is a nation and how the concepts of nationalism emerged, to how Subramania Bharati enriched nationalism and how the idea of India is under threat today from those who seek not just to rule India but also to change India. He himself is an unusual example of a nationalist. Born in Britain, he was entitled to a British passport. But he never applied for one.

That is where he distinguishes himself compared to people like me. Long years of travel left me regretting that I had an Indian passport. Immigration offices across the world had contempt for Indian passport holders. They saw Indians as citizenship-seekers or as people ready to break laws in order to make a living. Numerous are the times I felt humiliated at foreign immigration counters. Those were occasions when I regretted not getting a foreign passport when I could. The battle of belonging that people like Shashi Tharoor have to fight is a battle they can win. Ordinary citizens can never win such a battle.

Tharoor brings out the crux of the problem in a sentence that goes like this: *"The British writer David Goodhart has interestingly argued that in the global battle between the 'anywheres' (cosmopolitans comfortable anywhere in the world, flitting between business-class lounges and five-star hotels, the votaries of globalisation who thought of themselves as citizens of the world) and the 'somewheres' (those rooted in a place, a land, an ethnicity, a religion, and local assumptions and traditional prejudices), the 'somewheres' had won."*

Tharoor dwells on a subtle point that made British colonialism a failure because it was fundamentally racist while French colonialism was a relative success because it had no trace of racism in it. A British writer, curious about an impeccably dressed black African in his flight, asked where the African was from and was told: "Me? I am French." Not even the most favoured Indian maharajah would have thought of saying: "Me? I'am British." The French had colonies but they were never seen as racially inclined snobs.

Is nationalism a negative



sentiment in contrast to patriotism which is largely positive? Tharoor lines up a string of quotations to show how different people looked at this question from different angles. He opens up for us a world of thought where multiple interpretations are available to the reader on a one-touch basis as it were.

On the face of it, nationalism is in clash with what has become known as globalisation. So how do we reconcile with both? Leaders of the French Revolution held the view that the Rights of Man that they declared were valid for all people everywhere. They swore by "the ability of nationalism and religion, alone among all forms of allegiance, to give moral sanction to martyrdom and violence."

Ideologically Tharoor of course is inclined against the BJP. He draws attention to the BJP's "propping up of an idealised leader," the increasing autocracy under its rule and the "overt demonisation" of Muslims who are "delegitimised as a treacherous permanent foreign element amidst 'true' Indians." The use of questionable means in the BJP's "quest for absolute power" is seen as a "departure from the idea of India celebrated by Tagore, achieved by Gandhi and implemented by Nehru and his comrades."

It is not easy to fault Tharoor's intellectualised analysis of the problems he handles. He brings in a touch of logic and gets it backed by an array of authorities and authors he quotes from. That almost every page has footnotes referring to a galaxy of earlier authors gives the impression that his views are well-founded. They certainly are well-argued. Even those who disagree with him will have to agree that Tharoor is a stimulating thinker.

Truck Topples on Car

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The toppled truck right on the middle of the four-lane Highway had blocked a portion on both sides of the road which is being widened to a 10-lane Highway and there are no warning signs for the speeding vehicles to slow down.

The incident occurred at Gowripura village near Srirangapatna and according to eyewitnesses, non-installation of warning signs and haphazardly placed barricades on the road resulted in the accident that could have been fatal.

The M-Sand-laden truck, an Indica car behind it and another car moving ahead of the truck were proceeding towards Mysuru from Mandya side. Eyewitness account says that the vehicles were speeding and as they reached Gowripura the car that was ahead of the truck moved in a zigzag way due to barricades placed on the Highway in an unscientific manner. These barricades were placed by the road workers to facilitate the ongoing Highway expansion works.

As the car was moving in a zigzag way, the truck driver too followed suit to avoid the barricades. While the car — being a small vehicle — avoided the barricades on the left side and the road median on the right, the truck driver climbed on the road median. The driver of the loaded truck lost control and the heavy vehicle veered on the road and toppled on the car that was behind it.

After toppling on the car, the truck crashed on the road. Luckily, the drivers of the truck and the car sustained minor injuries and it was a close shave. The M-Sand had spilt all over the road and the car. The heavy vehicle had further blocked a portion of both sides of the Highway.

Residents of the village and motorists alleged that the Highway that is being widened has become more dangerous to travel of late as barricades are haphazardly placed. They alleged that warning boards have been placed at zones that are not dangerous while dangerous stretches of the Highway lack warning signboards.

Srirangapatna Rural Police visited the spot. A complaint was yet to be filed when we went to the Press.

Medical Colleges reopen

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A festive kind of atmosphere was witnessed at all Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Ayurveda and Unani Colleges in the city. Students came out in large numbers to attend offline classes after a gap of nearly six months. Smile on their faces was evident since they met their friends personally after so many days.

POOR RESPONSE

Meanwhile, poor response of students continued to haunt Degree and PG Colleges with hardly 25 per cent of students attending offline classes.

"Around 20 percent to 25 percent of students are attending offline classes in over 200 Degree Colleges that come under our purview. We are optimistic that student turnout is expected to improve after January 2021," Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, told this correspondent.

However, only 13 students of the total 679 in Maharani's Arts and Science College for Women attended the classes this morning. There has been no improvement of student turnout despite the Colleges were re-opened on Nov. 17.

The College authorities are conducting both online and offline classes for the benefit of students.

MLC Vishwanath can't become Minister, rules Karnataka HC

A.H. Vishwanath

Bengaluru, Dec. 1 (Agencies)- The Karnataka High Court on Monday held that Member of Legislative Council (MLC) A.H. Vishwanath attracted disqualification under Articles 164 (1) (b) and 361 (B) of the Constitution, and therefore, cannot be inducted into the Council of Ministers.

However, the Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Vishwajith Shetty, added that no interim order can be passed in the cases of two other MLCs — R. Shankar and M.T.B. Nagaraj — as *prima facie*, it was not established that they have incurred disqualification under Articles 164 (1) (b) and 361 (B).

With respect to Vishwanath, the order passed by the Division Bench reads, "Thus, ex-facie disqualification of AH Vishwanath will continue till expiry of term of Karnataka Legislative Assembly."

The Court ruled that Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will have to take into consideration the issue of disqualification incurred by Vishwanath, while making his recommendation to the Governor on nominating Ministers. Similarly, even if a recommendation is made by the CM, the Governor is bound to consider the aspect of disqualification incurred by Vishwanath, added the Bench. The Bench passed the interim order in a batch of pleas challenging the induction of three Members of the State Legislative Council (MLCs) — R. Shankar, A.H. Vishwanath, and M.T.B. Nagaraj — into the Council of Ministers.

One of the petitioners, advocate A.S. Harish, had approached the High Court alleging that the three MLCs were given entry into the Legislative Council of Karnataka with the sole purpose of inducting them into the Council of Ministers, even though Vishwanath and Nagaraj had lost in the by-elections in their respective Assembly constituencies after their disqualification. Moreover, Shankar did not even contest in the Assembly election, the petitioner had submitted.

The three MLCs were part of the 17 MLAs who had resigned from the House in 2019 and effected the fall of the Congress-JD(S) Government.

Shankar belonged to Karnataka Pragnyavantha Janatha Party, Nagaraj to the Congress party, and Vishwanath to the JD(S).

After the then Speaker of the House had disqualified them, the Supreme Court later upheld the disqualification, but allowed them to contest in the by-polls.

Though the BJP won 12 out of 15 seats in the by-polls, Vishwanath and Nagaraj were among those from the BJP camp who lost. During the hearing of the matter, Advocate Prashant Bhushan, representing the petitioner, argued that electing or nominating disqualified candidates to the Legislative Council amounts to "back-door entry".

The petitioner had contended that the nomination of the three to the Upper House in the State was done with the intention of inducting them into the Cabinet, and the same was contrary to Articles 164 (1) (b) and 361 (B) of the Constitution.

To move SC

Meanwhile, Vishwanath told media in Bengaluru this morning that he will question the verdict of High Court in Supreme Court.

Indirectly attacking State BJP leaders, the MLC wanted to know why his name was deleted from the biennial election to the State Legislative Council from the State Legislative Assembly in the last minute. They should have sent his name to the Council Poll along with two others, M.T.B. Nagaraj and R. Shankar.

'Ayyo Paapa,' JD(S) MLA ridicules BJP MLC

S.R. Mahesh

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (RKB&SSV)- "*Ayyo paapa*. I pity predicament of MLC A.H. Vishwanath whose dream of making it to the State Cabinet has been dashed after the historic Karnataka High Court verdict."

This is how former Minister and K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh ridiculed his political *bête noire* at a press conference in city this morning, after offering special prayers to Goddess Chamudeshwari, the presiding deity of Mysuru, for showing her power through the HC's verdict disqualifying Vishwanath from becoming the Minister in the State Cabinet till 2021.

He said, "I had told one year ago that this will happen to Vishwanath but none of you took my words seriously. But now the HC has delivered verdict disqualifying the BJP MLC from becoming the Minister in the Yediyurappa Cabinet. I had challenged Vishwanath to come to Chamundi Hill to vow that he did not take money to join BJP but he never turned up. Now, Goddess Chamundeshwari has taught a lesson to Vishwanath through Judges."

Mahesh said, "Vishwanath was like a deadwood in Congress Party after he had been sidelined by one and all. His condition was akin to defunct motor vehicle. Then, he was subsequently taken into Janata Dal-Secular (JD-S), replaced the old motor, re-painted and made to win in 2018 Assembly polls from Hunsur, thanks to efforts of leaders and party workers. Instead of being loyal to party, Vishwanath joined hands with a few Congress MLAs and toppled the Congress-JD(S) Coalition Government headed by Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy. If Vishwanath has any culture or respect, it was because of the JD(S)." I pity the present condition of Vishwanath, he added.

Asked about the political future of Vishwanath, the Mahesh said, he (Vishwanath) was Minister, MP and now, he will become former MLC. Whatever may be the case, truth will always prevail. 'Satyameva Jayate' has been true for Vishwanath who joined BJP for the sake of money and power. Court has given its verdict and now it was people who will give their verdict.

Farm Laws: Farmers stage protest

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (PM&SD)- Strongly condemning Government's forcible attempts to stop farmers agitating against the Farm Laws and expressing solidarity with farmers protesting near Delhi, members of Akhil Bharat Raitha Sangharsha Samanvaya Samiti and Pragatipara Sanghatanegala Okkuta staged protest near the DC's office here this morning. Protesters urged the Centre to immediately withdraw the contentious Farm Bills in the interest of country's farming community.

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WORLD AIDS DAY: WALKATHON BY ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

World AIDS Day is celebrated on December 1 every year since 1988. It is dedicated to raise awareness, educate and improve the understanding of HIV as a global public health problem.

In spite of numerous campaigns and sensitizing activities to create awareness about HIV / AIDS, there is still a huge need to educate people on this particular issue which is detrimental to the whole world. To mark this occasion of World AIDS Day, St. Joseph's Hospital has cond*ucted a walkathon to create awareness among the public about HIV/AIDS.

Walkathon was comprised of Hospital staff from different departments who actively took part and made it successful. Walkathon was flagged off at 10 am by Rev. Msgr. Leslie Moras, The Episcopal Vicar for the Diocese of Mysore. It started from St. Joseph's Hospital entrance, proceeded towards Hanumanthanagar and reached back hospital via LIC circle. Staff of the hospital went on a march holding placards containing educative messages for the public. All the statutory guidelines were followed and social distancing was maintained among the walkathon participants.

St. Joseph's Hospital is a 150-bedded multi-specialty healthcare setup with 24x7 medical services with excellent facilities including 40 specialists and full time consultants as well as dedicated empanelled doctors. St. Joseph's Hospital is known for its compassionate care since 2008 till date, situated in Mysore-Bangalore Road, Bannimantap, Mysore.

The hospital is surrounded by lush green garden and has specially designed architecture to make provision for ample of fresh air and natural light which improves the healing response of patients. Hospital is well known for excellence in safe, ethical and unique nursing care at an affordable cost to everyone. 75 beds in St. Joseph's Hospital are exclusively reserved to treat COVID-19 positive patients. So far, this hospital has treated more than 500 COVID positive patients and made a remarkable contribution during this pandemic period. Apart from serving the patients at the premise, St. Joseph's Hospital is also contributing to community health through frequent free health check camps in interior villages, industries and educational institutions.

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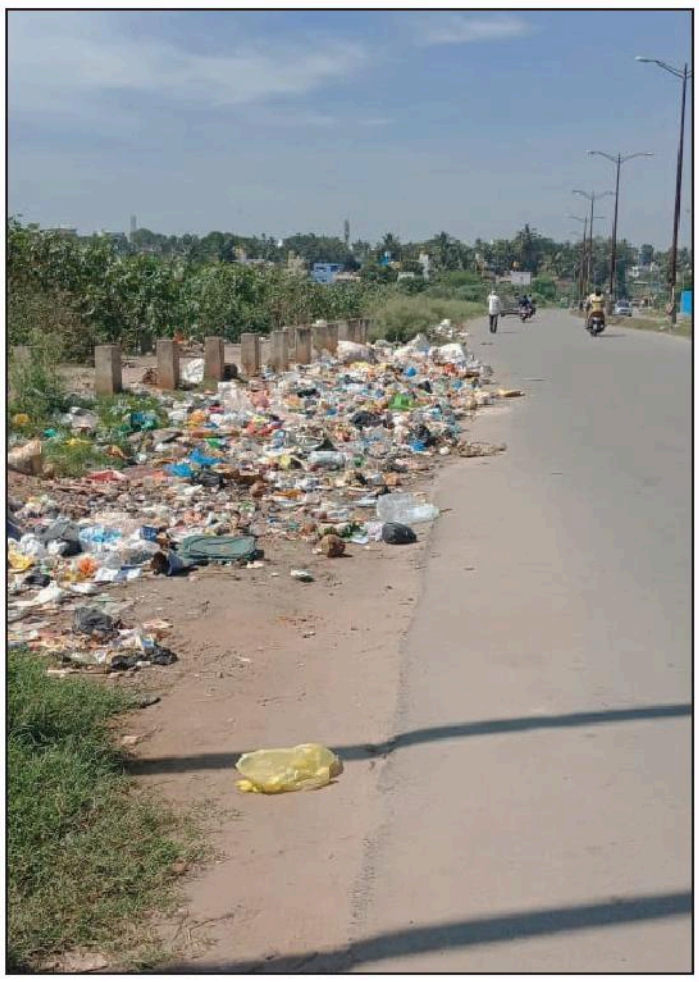
Plea to clear garbage dumped on Rajivnagar Main Road



Heaps of garbage dumped on the side of Rajivnagar Main Road has become an eyesore in the area. Residents allege that though complaints were given to the officials concerned, no action has been taken in this regard. The residents have one again urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

Need permanent solution for UGD problems at J.P. Nagar

With frequent problems such as clogging of manhole and sewage water overflowing from the manhole into storm water drain, the residents of J.P. Nagar A and B Blocks have urged the authorities concerned for a permanent solution to this problem. The residents say that the sewage line that runs in the 5th Main Road in front of houses was laid way back in the 1980s and is perpetually leaking and flowing on road into the storm water drain. They allege that though the problem was apprised to all the people's representatives and officers concerned, their pleas have fallen on deaf ears. They have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to solve the problem permanently.

Hanging Bridges of Kodagu: Reality Check - 5

Govt. rejects proposal to repair Abbey Falls hanging bridge

Kushalnagar, Dec. 1 (Akshay &BCT)- The State Government has rejected the proposal of repairing the hanging bridge located at Abbey Falls in Madikeri due to safety concerns.

Very different from other hanging bridges of Kodagu is the one at Abbey Falls. While the other hanging bridges in the hilly district are built for people to cross from one river bank to other, this hanging bridge has been built for tourists to see the scenic beauty of cascading water at Abbey Falls and capture the beauty in their cameras.

The hanging bridge was also built for the safety of tourists so that they will not venture into the gushing waters as it is very dangerous. During full flow after copious rain, the cascading waterfall is exceptionally beautiful with droplets covering the entire area forming a thick mist.

Abbey Falls is situated amid coffee estates on the outskirts of the town. The Falls, located around eight kilometres from Madikeri town, attracts many tourists every day from far and wide. It is in the midst of the coffee estate of Neravanda Nanaiah. Though Abbey Falls is in a private property, as it is a tourist spot, it is governed by local Panchayat.

History says that during the British rule, officers serving in Kodagu (then Coorg) were enchanted by the beauty of the Falls and one of the officers had named it Jessie Falls. Jessie was the daughter of the first Christian priest. However, it is famous as Abbey Falls as Abbey or Abbi in Kodava language means a deep river stream.

Unfortunately, the hanging bridge that has been constructed with a sole purpose of enabling tourists to have a better view of the Falls is in a dilapidated condition and has become dangerous. One slip and the person is destined to fall amidst water and boulders. Though Tourism Department has warned the tourists walking on the bridge by erecting a board nearby, nothing much has been done about the bridge.

Tourism Department sources told *Star of Mysore* that way back in 2015, engineers had assessed the damage to the bridge and a proposal had been sent to the State Government for the release of funds. The State Government, has, however kept the proposal pending till now and sources said that the proposal to repair the bridge has been rejected.

The Government has rejected the proposal due to safety issues as even if the bridge is repaired or reconstructed with supporting walls, the steep gradient of the place would not support any concrete or iron structure. There is a danger of the concrete structure sliding down and investing money on such a project would be a wasteful expenditure, sources admit.

The hanging bridge falls under K. Nidugane Gram Panchayat and before it was constructed, over 52 people had lost their lives as they ventured into the water to experience its forceful flow. Seeing the deaths, the State Government barricaded a part of the water falls from where people usually enter the spot. The authorities also constructed the hanging bridge for tourist safety. Now the Government has rejected the proposal of repairing the hanging bridge.

The unfinished journey...

THEME: Global solidarity & shared responsibility

By Dr. S.N. Mothi,
Founder Trustee and Chairman of Asha Kirana Hospital, Mysuru

Asha Kirana Hospital doctors and staff observed World AIDS Day-2020 at its premises in Hebbal this morning.

World AIDS Day-2020 will be like no other or like never before because it is a scenario of an ongoing challenge of HIV in the backdrop of a new challenge of COVID-19 crisis.

There is so much to learn and so much more to do. The COVID crisis has further exacerbated the newer challenges faced by people living with HIV/ AIDS. It has also widened the social and economic inequalities that increase the vulnerability of marginalised group to HIV infection. The world must find a solution to the global crisis of COVID-19 and the ongoing challenges of HIV/ AIDS and stand in solidarity and share the responsibility.

Out of 38 million people living with HIV in 2019, 12.9 million still do not have access to HIV treatment. There is a need to ensure that no one is left behind in accessing HIV treatment. Otherwise we cannot live up to the claim of "eliminating AIDS by 2030." Health systems are to be strengthened by improving access to life-saving medicines and ensure human rights are respected. Rights of women, girls and LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/ Questioning)should be protected by making human rights charter gender neutral. But, the paradox is about 68 countries still have the laws which criminalises same sex sexual relations. How can we marginalise and criminalise them and make a claim "every life counts?"

Young women and girls (15 - 24 years) accounted for all new HIV infections in 2019 indicating they are emerging as the new high risk and vulnerable group in the AIDS epidemic. Lockdowns and border closures to prevent the spread of COVID caused a major hurdle in both production and transport of medicines and the abilities of patients to reach the health facility and get their medicine refills. Statistical modelling has estimated that a six-month disruption of HIV treatment could lead to additional 5,00,000 deaths from AIDS-related illness.

Current Indian scenario

In 2019 at the national level, there were an estimated 23.49 lakh People Living with HIV (PLHIV), with an adult (15 - 49 years) HIV prevalence of 0.22%.

Maharashtra had the highest estimated number of PLHIV (3.96 lakh), followed by Andhra Pradesh (3.14 lakh), Karnataka (2.69 lakh), Uttar Pradesh (1.61 lakh), Telangana (1.58 lakh), Tamil Nadu (1.55 lakh), Bihar (1.34 lakh) and Gujarat (1.04 lakh). Together, these eight States constituted 72% of the total PLHIV estimates in the country.

Nationally, the annual new HIV infections has decreased by 37% since 2010. The decline in annual new HIV infections has been noted in all States/ UTs except for Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Chandigarh. The highest decline has been noted in Karnataka (75%), followed by Himachal Pradesh (74%) and Andhra Pradesh (65%).

NACO's response to HIV/ AIDS during COVID times

NACO (National Aids Control Organisation) has to address many challenges during COVID times to maintain and improve the chain of care continuum.

- To create options to collect Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART) from the nearest ART centres.
- Multi-Month Dispensing (MMD) of ART.
- Upgraded ART with a more robust Dolutegravir based regimen in accordance with WHO (World Health Organisation) guidelines.
- Provided several online training programmes for doctors, counsellors, OutReach Workers (ORW) and managerial staff.
- To keep track of treatment adherence by sending reminders for follow up.
- Additional focus on counselling PLWA (People Living With AIDS) about the importance of masks, hand hygiene and physical distancing.
- Counselling on importance of adherence to ART.
- To get swab / RT-PCR test done for COVID-19 without any anxiety and fear.

Lessons from HIV/ AIDS response to guide COVID crisis

- Forty years of response to the challenges of HIV/ AIDS epidemic has generated significant experience and lessons on the importance of human rights-based approach to make a difference. Focus on COVID pandemic must be to address issues of anxiety, fear and stigma by creating a culture of solidarity and kindness.
- Should not resort to politically driven, restrictive and punitive measures. Do not label and criminalise those who breached restrictions as "super spreaders."
- Provide access to testing and correct information and guidance without further aggravating their anxiety and fear.
- Fear of hospitalisation leads to fear of disclosure and reporting late during illness; hence must be approached with appropriate counselling. Inaccessibility of family and friends during their dying moments is a frequent concern expressed — these issues must be handled with utmost kindness maintaining ethics of care.
- The history of HIV epidemic has made it clear that any response will be more effective when affected communities are involved in its implementation. Participation of various philanthropic individuals and organisations will strengthen the feeling of trust, confidence and faith to make a meaningful difference in such adversities.
- Appropriate steps must be taken to reduce stigma and discrimination faced against infected people, affected families and neighbourhoods. Safety, protection and insurance cover for frontline warriors, especially health care workers, is an important step to ensure their fearless participation in providing treatment, care and support.
- HIV/ AIDS or COVID cases in institutionalised populations like care homes, remand homes, old age nurseries and prisons have unique challenges. If these situations are not approached properly may result in fear and discrimination in an already isolated population.
- Mental health morbidities like depression, neurosis, post traumatic stress disorders have negative impact in treatment adherence in people with HIV/ AIDS. Similar mental health morbidities are observed during active COVID-19 illness and during periods of delayed recovery which should be diagnosed and treated appropriately.
- Epidemic measures or interventions should not deprive people of their livelihood, work, shelter and food.
- Providing a mask instead of welcome drink in small gatherings and the concept of mask vending machines in public places will create awareness and bring necessary behaviour change.
- What's of utmost concern is the fact that people in general tend to ignore protection and prevention messages, whether it is using condoms to prevent AIDS or mask and physical distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Way forward

In the process of enhancing investments during this COVID crisis, Governments must ensure the progress made towards ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030 are reversed through the diversion of resources. Solidarity and shared responsibility of well-meaning citizens of Mysuru make Asha Kirana what it is today. The world should be constantly reminded that "the journey of eliminating AIDS epidemic is not yet over."

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Woman dies at hospital

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (KS)- An elderly woman, who was an inmate of Chiguru Ashram in city since about 10 months, has breathed her last at K.R. Hospital on Nov. 24. The deceased is **Anandhi** (65).

As she was suffering from respiratory problems, she was admitted to K.R. Hospital on Nov. 24 at about 11 am, but she died the same day at about 4.10 pm.

Anandhi is 5.2 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, oval faced and has short hair.

Ashram Trustee B. Ravikumar, who had admitted Anandhi to the hospital, has requested for the conduct of post-mortem to know the exact cause of Anandhi's death and has lodged a complaint at Police Station.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Vijayanagar Police on Ph: 0821-2418117/ 317 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Ex-MLA helps shift critically ill woman to hospital

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (RKB&KS)- Former MLA M.K. Somashekar has extended his helping hands in shifting a critically ill woman to K.R. Hospital on Sunday night.

On Sunday at about 8.30 pm, the former MLA was proceeding on Chamaraja Double Road, when he noticed a woman lying on the side of the road.

When he got down from his vehicle and went near the woman, he found that she was suffering from illness. He immediately summoned an ambulance and with the help of the public, shifted the critically ill woman to K.R. Hospital and got her admitted.

He then called the Medical Officer of the Hospital and urged him to provide necessary treatment besides assuring of bearing the medicine cost.

Railway employee Bhyrappa and NIE College lecturer Vinod were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ingenious

Pronunciation: in-jeen-yuhs.
Meaning: Cleverly inventive or resourceful.
Origin: Ingenious comes from late Middle English ingenious "intelligent, resourceful, quick-witted," from Old French ingenïos, engeignos, from Latin ingeniōsus "clever, talented, gifted." Ingeniōsus is a derivative of the noun ingenium "natural disposition, temperament, mood; natural ability, cleverness," and the adjectival suffix –ōsus, the source via Old French and Anglo-French of the English suffix –ous. Ingenious entered English in the second half of the 15th century.
Example: She was an ingenious inventor who planted a seed that would blossom into some of today's most ubiquitous technology, including Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, GPS, cordless phones and cell phones. — Alice George, "This World War II-Era Film Star For Your Wi-Fi," Smithsonian, April 4, 2019.

THE ODD WORD

Ichthyoid

Fishlike.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A drop in the bucket

Meaning: A very small and insignificant proportion of the whole.
Origin: From the Bible, Isaiah 40:15 (King James Version):
"Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing."
'A drop in the bucket' is the predecessor of 'a drop in the ocean', which means the same thing, and is first found in a piece from The Edinburgh Weekly Journal, July 1802:
"The votes for the appointment of Bonaparte to be Chief Consul for life are like a drop in the ocean compared with the aggregate of the population of France."

QUOTE BOX

Many drops make a bucket, many buckets make a pond, many ponds make a lake, and many lakes make an ocean. **— Percy Ross**

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7				6	9		8	
	3						7	
	8		4	2				1
1	2						6	
						3		7
	4				8	9	2	

Answer to previous puzzle

7	4	9	8	6	5	2	3	1
2	3	5	4	7	1	8	6	9
6	8	1	9	3	2	7	5	4
1	9	8	5	4	7	3	2	6
5	2	6	1	8	3	4	9	7
3	7	4	6	2	9	5	1	8
8	5	2	7	9	6	1	4	3
9	1	7	3	5	4	6	8	2
4	6	3	2	1	8	9	7	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

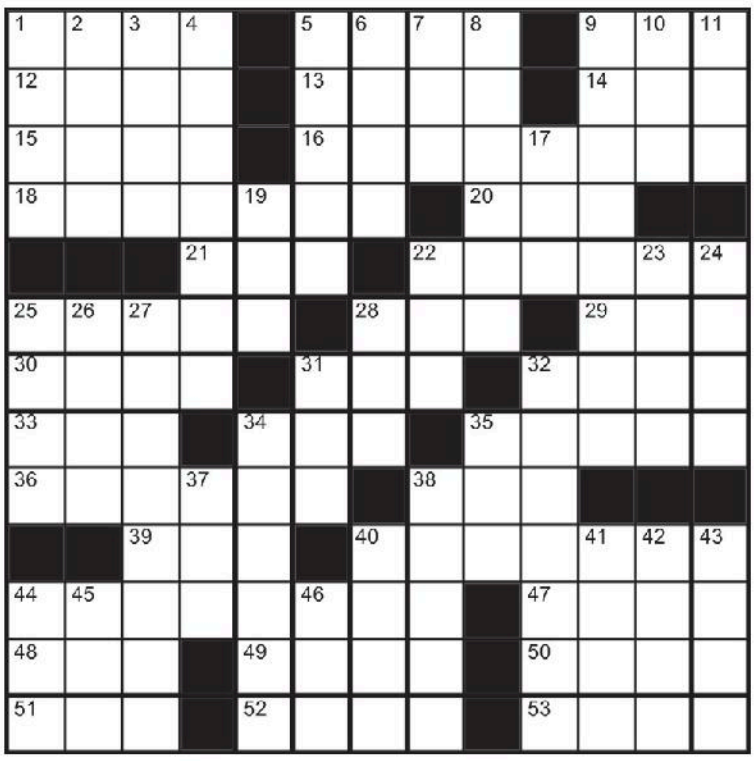
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Bivalve
5 Hardens or sets
9 One's kin or kindred
12 "O all" could be a girl?
13 I smell __ __ : there's something fishy here? (1,3)
14 Monetary unit of Vietnam - "o ha" anagram?
15 Auricular
16 Ebbing or flowing back
18 Ex-India cricket captain Nawab of ____
20 Monetary unit of Afghanistan
21 Biological or genetic identifier
22 US moon mission
25 Former Portuguese colony in southern China
28 The American novelist, 'Edgar Allan.....'
29 Put one's ___ in: meddle or interfere?
30 Building support
31 Bihar Cric. Assoc.
32 On one occasion
33 Sculpture, for example
34 Point of a pen
35 Fits of anger
36 ____ oneself in : absorbed knowledge etc.?
38 Mongrel
39 Cavity or hole
40 Citrus fruit
44 Volcanic outburst
47 Merge, blend or combine
48 Nothing at all
49 Audible return
50 Fitzgerald of scat
51 Invoice fig.
52 Cathedral head
53 __-do-well: A good for nothing

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	T	A	T	■	J	O	B	■	G	M	A	N
S	A	B	O	T	E	U	R	■	A	A	R	E
P	R	E	M	I	E	R	E	■	U	S	E	S
■	■	■	T	O	R	■	A	O	R	T	A	S
A	D	I	O	S	■	A	T	T	A	■	■	■
H	A	R	M	■	J	E	H	O	V	A	H	■
A	M	A	■	S	A	R	E	E	■	T	E	D
■	S	Q	U	A	L	I	D	■	C	O	L	E
■	■	■	S	L	O	E	■	J	A	M	M	U
G	A	T	E	A	U	■	D	U	C	■	■	■
A	L	E	F	■	S	A	U	N	T	E	R	S
E	S	A	U	■	I	M	P	O	U	N	D	S
L	O	L	L	■	E	Y	E	■	S	T	I	R

DOWN
1 Hoof sound
2 Round-bottomed water bottle for us Indians
3 Settled, came back to earth?
4 Road material
5 Irish policeman
6 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba? (3,1)
7 Naturally occurring resinous substance used for sealing
8 Dry, grassy plain
9 Capital of Meghalaya
10 ___ Smith : Kiwi wicket-keeper of not so distant past?
11 Quagmire or marsh
17 Batman and Robin, for one?
19 Numero ___ : Number one?
22 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
23 Decorative needlework
24 Metal-bearing rocks
25 IIM grads.
26 "Air" as prefix
27 Slingshot
28 Printed Circuit Board, abbr.
31 Invitation or request
32 Rowers
34 Caught or ensnared
35 Deep groove
37 Hide of a small beast
38 Church decree
40 Chotta Nawab's sister seen in Rang De Basanti
41 River to the Ubangi
42 Fr. miss
43 Hebrew month
44 Spanish queen
45 Outer edge
46 Skate on thin ___ : behave rashly, in a way?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NYOSGDOSN RYL TSSQ DMBYOHQSGS

EMA RYL EXS ILNG RYLMV

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Envy comes from people's ignorance of, or lack of belief in, their own gifts.

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2020

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

Garrison expected to win

Mysuru, Dec. 1- Following are the selections for the 4th Day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here tomorrow (Dec. 2, 2020):

1.	2.00 PM	**THE MEKEDAATU PLATE - DIV. II**
		1200 mts - rated 00 to 25
		1. Time Always 2. Smart Signs
2.	2.30 PM	**THE PATTADAKAL PLATE - DIV. II**
		1200 mts - rated 20 to 45
		1. Carnival Express 2. Octavius
3.	3.00 PM	**THE MEKEDAATU PLATE - DIV. I**
		1200 mts - rated 00 to 25
		1. Tough Sussex 2. Big Time Bay
4.	3.30 PM	**THE PATTADAKAL PLATE - DIV. I**
		1200 mts - rated 20 to 45
		1. Country's Fame 2. Ali Boxer
5.	4.00 PM	**THE FAME AND GLORY PLATE**
		1200 mts - rated 20 to 45
		1. King of The Jungle 2. Be Bold
6.	4.30 PM	**THE NANDI DURGA PLATE**
		1400 mts - rated 60 and above
		1. Garrison 2. Tremendous
7.	5.00 PM	**THE NAGARJUNA SAGAR PLATE**
		1200 mts - rated 40 to 65
		1. Makino 2. Lord Commander

DAY'S BEST: *GARRISON*

DOUBLE : *1. CARNIVAL EXPRESS 2. KING OF THE JUNGLE*

JACKPOT: *3, 4, 5, 6, 7*

I - TREBLE: *2, 3, 4* ***II - TREBLE:*** *5, 6, 7*

EXACTAS: *6, 7*

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Gadiyara (K)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 7.30 pm
Arishadvarga (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Kavalthurai Ungal Nanban (Ta)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Act-1978 (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.45 pm

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	(S-1)	2.35 pm, 9.30 pm
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Act-1978 (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am
	(S-2)	5.30 pm
Arishadvarga (K)	(S-1)	5.50 pm
Kavalthurai Ungal Nanban (Ta)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Daari Tappida Maga (K)	(S-2)	8.55 pm
Gadiyara (K)	(S-2)	2.40 pm
Trolls World Tour (E)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
*Mukhavaada Illadavanu 84*** (K)*	(S-2)	11.20 am

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Goa and NorthEast share the spoils

after first half goals by Sylla, Angulo

Goalkeeper Mohammad Nawaz (Goa) punches the ball away.

Margao, Dec. 1- FC Goa's search for their first win in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 continued after a 1-1 draw against NorthEast United FC at the Fatorda Stadium on Monday. Idrissa Sylla scored the game's opener from the penalty spot in the 40th minute and Igor Angulo netted Goa's equaliser three minutes later.

On a night where he became the youngest captain in Hero ISL history, Lalengmawia produced an inspiring display in mid-field for NorthEast. He was all over the pitch and created two chances besides also getting a shot away in the attacking third. On the defensive front, Lalengmawia made one clearance, two successful tackles, two blocks and was constantly in the thick of the action.

AWARDS — Hero of the Match: Lalengmawia; **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Brandon Fernandes.

Hero INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE IMG RELIANCE STAR

Today's Match (Dec. 1)

MUMBAI CITY
Vs
EAST BENGAL
GMC Stadium, Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Dec. 2)

HYDERABAD
Vs
JAMSHEDPUR
Tilak Maidan Stadium, Vasco da Gama, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result

GOA - 1
Drew with
NORTHEAST UNITED - 1

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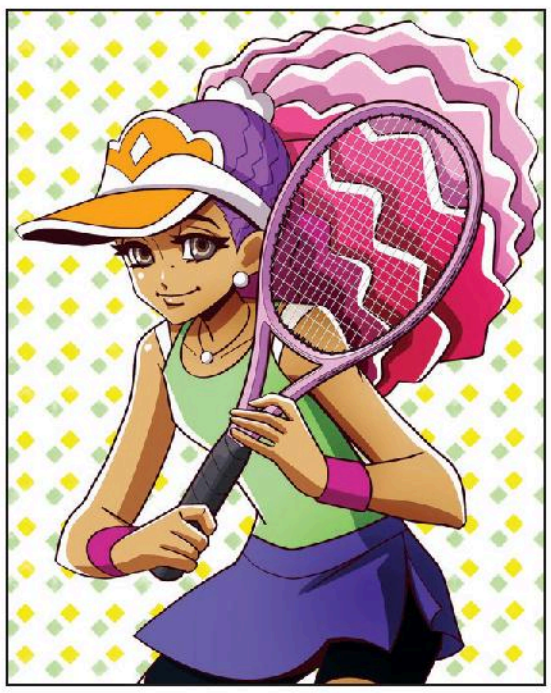
Japan tennis ace Osaka to star in comic book



Tokyo, Dec. 1- Japan's major-winning tennis player Naomi Osaka has welcomed a new manga comic-book series where she will star as a cartoon character in a magazine aimed at teenage girls.

"Unrivaled Naomi Tenka-ichi", which will run in "Nakayosi" magazine from late December, was produced with the help of Osaka's older sister, Mari.

"Tenka-ichi" means "world number one" in Japanese. "Growing up reading manga/ watching anime was something that bonded me and my sister immensely so this is really exciting for both of us," the 3-time Grand Slam champion tweeted.

The new character, which depicts a doe-eyed Osaka with pink and purple hair and wearing a yellow visor, follows a storm of controversy over a sponsor's cartoon image of her last year.

Noodle-maker Nissin apologised and withdrew the image, which showed Osaka with pale skin and light brown hair, after being accused of "white-washing" the Japanese-Haitian player.

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